

## SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER VULNERABLE ADULT GUARDIAN AD LITEM

COVID-19 has affected us all. It has especially impacted South Carolina's vulnerable adults who are in nursing facilities and residential care facilities. COVID-19 did not stop the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults. The work of the Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program (VAGAL-SC) staff has continued during this unprecedented time.

Our current volunteers are on temporary hiatus in order to protect them from COVID-19. When we are comfortable that it is safe to schedule another Volunteer Training, we will post it on this site along with the date.

In the meantime, please take a moment to read the information below. We invite you to become a volunteer, and we will need you as we begin to enter the new normal.

**Would you like to make a difference in someone's life?** We are seeking volunteers willing to advocate for the best interest of vulnerable adults. These individuals are at risk for abuse, neglect, or exploitation and have been placed into protective custody by the Family Court System.

As a VAGAL-SC volunteer, you will receive training from professionals in the human services fields. Your involvement can make a direct impact on a vulnerable adult's life.

We welcome volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethnic and educational backgrounds.

**Location**: South Carolina Department on Aging 1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350, Columbia, SC 29201

**Date:** TBD **Check-In:** 9:30 AM **Training:** 10:00 AM- 4:30 PM Lunch and free parking in our garage will be provided.

For more information, including application process, please contact Debbie Parker, 1-800-868-9095, or <a href="mailto:dparker@aging.sc.gov">dparker@aging.sc.gov</a>.
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